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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON--SADAT VIEWS

REF: (A) CAIRO 8526 (B) CAIRO 8582

1. VP MUBARAK TELEPHONED ON SECURE LINE 2300 TONIGHT. HE SAID PRESIDENT SADAT HAD HAD REPORT FROM FONMIN KAMEL OF MY CONVERSATION WITH LATTER OF EARLIER TODAY (REF A). THE PRESIDENT HAD THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. SADAT BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE PROBLEM OF ISRAELI INVASION OF SOUTH
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LEBANON TO TRY TO WORK FOR A TOTAL SOLUTION. HE AGREES THAT WE SHOULD WORK FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ISRAELI FORCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER IN LEBANON AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF U.N. FORCES TO THE BORDER AREAS. THIS IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AGREEABLE TO HIM.

3. SADAT BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEFORE HIM

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. HE BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CALL THE UNSC INTO SESSION TO DEMAND THAT THE ISRAELIS FIRST WITHDRAW, THAT THEREAFTER A U.N. FORCE BE INTERPOSED INTO SOUTH LEBANON AND THAT THIS BE FOLLOWED BY AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. PRESIDENT SADAT BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD ACT QUICKLY TO SEEK TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED ABOVE. THE SUCCESS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MAY HAVE ON THIS WILL AFFECT HIS ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS A WHOLE.

4. MUBARAK ALSO INDICATED THAT FONMIN KAMEL HAD INFORMED PRESIDENT SADAT OF OUR INTENTION TO SEND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE TO SOMALIA. PRESIDENT SADAT IS PLEASED ABOUT THIS MOVE ON OUR PART AND BELIEVES IT OFFERS PROSPECTS FOR AN IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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